

13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., for a field hearing at James J. Hill Reference Library in St. Paul, MN, entitled "Volatility in the Natural Gas Market: The Impact of High Natural Gas Prices on American Consumers."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following list of fellows and interns with the Finance Committee staff be allowed on the Senate floor for the duration of the debate on the tax reconciliation bill:

Mary Baker, Robin Burgess, Tiffany Smith, Tom Louthan, Richard Litsey, David Schwartz, Stuart Sirkin, Zachary Henderson, Lesley Meeker, Britt Sandler, Lauren Shields, Janis Lazda, Jordan Murray, Leona Cuttler, Laura Kellams, Deidra Henry-Spires, Caroline Ulbrich, Peggy Hathaway, and Robin Burgess.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Anne Freeman and Theresa Pattara of the Finance Committee staff be given privileges of the floor for the duration of consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4297.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 109-59, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission: Paul Weyrich of Virginia and Patrick E. Quinn of Tennessee.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2271 AND S. 2273

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2271) to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge non-disclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2273) to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 on Tuesday, February 14. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4297, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will complete consideration

of the pending motions to instruct the conferees on H.R. 4297, the tax relief bill, and send that bill to conference. We will have multiple votes starting close to 10 a.m. Senators should plan to stay around the floor for a series of up to 16 stacked votes in the morning. I truly hope that some of those will not be pushed to a rollcall vote and we would finish at a reasonable time.

Tomorrow afternoon, we will resume consideration of S. 852, the asbestos bill. There is a pending motion to waive the Budget Act that must be disposed of before we can move forward with the amendment process.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if this is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:58 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 13, 2006:

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES LAMBRIGHT, OF MISSOURI, TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2009, VICE PHILIP MERRILL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DENNIS R. SPURGEON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NUCLEAR ENERGY). (NEW POSITION)

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

ROBERT IRWIN CUSICK, JR., OF KENTUCKY, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE AMY L. COMSTOCK, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DONALD J. DEGABRIELLE, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL TAYLOR SHELBY.